

Where Is My Mate? Session #1

I. Introduction

- A. Introduce myself and Joann
- B. Layout of class- submit questions and we will take the last session to address them!
- C. Background as a singles pastor
- D. Some have gotten married quickly [easily], other have not. He wants faith from us in those areas that do not come automatically! He requires faith for salvation, baptism in the Holy Spirit, we live by faith. So it is with a mate!
- E. My prayer to God for singles wanting mates.

II. My God encounter

- A. My experience with God speaking to me about singles.
- B. Hold what He said until the end of this session or for next session!

III. God's Will

- A. Two aspects of God's will
 - 1. His general will- The Bible
 - a. ***(Rom 12:2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***
 - b. We renew our minds to the general will of God.
 - 2. His specific will- The Holy Spirit
 - a. ***(Phil 2:13) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.***
 - b.]- works in us to will and to do.
- B. God's general will for marriage- He is pro marriage! There is no scripture forbidding marrying for those who want to.
 - 1. God's general will is for you to be married.
 - a. ***(Gen. 1:28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.***
 - b. ***(Gen. 9:1) And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.***
 - 2. He has to specifically tell you if you are not supposed to get married. If you don't know he has told you to be single then you can rest in fact His will is for you to be married, especially if you want to be! It is not a sin to get married.

3. ***(1 Cor. 7:28)- But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.***
 - a. This verse is written to all! Sin is to step out of the will of God. This verse shows us that if you want to get married as a single you are not sinning against God's will for your life. You will not step out of God great cosmic plan for you by deciding you want to get married in His parameters [*marrying a Christian*] and following His peace.
4. Some will be called to be single, but they will want to be unmarried and have a grace for it! If you have temptations towards the opposite sex you do not have the grace to be single all your life. It is not a sin to remain single!
5. In rare cases God will call someone to remain single.
 - a. Timothy
Barnabas
John the Baptist
Miriam
Elijah
Elisha
Jeremiah
Daniel
JESUS!!!
 - b. ***Gen. 7:2- Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.***
 - c. God commanded Noah to bring the animals two by two into the Ark. However, concerning clean animals he was to bring 7 of each kind on the ark. There were 3 couples but one single. The single one would be used to worship God and be a living sacrifice to God. So those who are called to be single can offer up their lives in worship and service to God!

C. God's specific will concerning marriage

1. We find God's specific will concerning marriage by the leading of the Holy Spirit.
2. The main way the Spirit leads us is by the inner witness and inner desire.
 - a. The Spirit bears witness with our spirit- ***Rom. 8:16- The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:***
 - b. As we delight ourselves in God, He gives us our hearts desires- ***Ps. 37:4- Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*** [We check if our heart desire is from God is by drawing closer to God]

- c. God is at work in us to give us the desire and ability to do His will! *Phil. 2:13- [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight. [Amp.]*

3. Being honest with your own heart!

- a. My testimony of me not being honest with my own heart's desires
- b. You cannot vacillate back and forward and receive from God. *James 1:6-7- But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.*

4. Sanctified desire

- a. God gives us desires, but they are to be sanctified by being submitted to His timing, direction, and Lordship
- b. God will not give us our heart's desire if it will usurp His position of supremacy in our heart. *James 4:3- Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*
- c. Often you will have to wait to receive what your heart wants the most because those desires must be sanctified or they will be destructive to you and others.
- d. While you wait is the time to delight yourself in God! If you cannot delight yourself in God before the promise comes, you will actually delight yourself in God less when it does come.

D. Once you are convinced of the will of God then you can pray in faith!

1. Mark 11:23-24-For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

- a. Do not claim a certain person you want to be your mate! If someone does not want to be with you, then move on! If God wants them to be with you, God will bring them around to you!
- b. No faith or spirit weddings where you marry who you want "in the Spirit" and it will make them be your spouse!
- c. Often singles are too vague in their prayers. They put the whole matter of if they get married or not in God's hands. They pray, "God whatever you want for me please do that. If you want me married then fine, if you don't want me to be married that is fine, whatever Lord!" That prayer sounds pious, but it is actually dumb. Can you get healed that way?

Can you get saved that way? Can you really receive anything specific that way? NO!

1a. *Mark 10:35-36- And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?*

What do you want?

2a. *Mark 10:51- And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.*

What do you want me to do for you?

3a. God wants us to be specific and ask him for a mate if you want one! Believe you receive when you ask! However, if you are unsure of God's will in the matter you cannot ask in faith!

4a. Many singles are simply not if faith about a mate. This leads me to what God told me that day in the meeting room...

IV. Getting into Faith!

A. God's encounter statement

1. "Many singles are praying for a mate but they are not praying for their mate."

B. Changing prayers

1. God wants us to ask Him for a mate. But we need to ask in faith and believe with receive. Then we need to change prayers from asking him for a mate, to praying for your mate!
2. Now that you have a mate, start praying for them! This will keep you in faith!
3. Praying for your mate is one of the greatest means of breaking off an old relationship in your heart and to move on. You cannot drive forward well or safely by staring in the rear view mirror!

C. Closing Prayer

D. Outline coming weeks